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## COMMENT DEADLINES FURTHER EXTENDED IN SPECIAL ACCESS PROCEEDING

WC Docket No. 05-25; RM-10593

**New Comment Date: July 1, 2015**  
**New Reply Comment Date: July 22, 2015**

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) hereby extends the deadlines for interested parties to file comments and reply comments in response to Section IV.B of the *Special Access FNPRM* in the Commission's special access rulemaking proceeding.<sup>1</sup> Comments are now due by July 1, 2015. Reply comments are due by July 22, 2015.

On December 11, 2012, the Commission adopted an order requiring providers and purchasers of special access and certain entities providing "best efforts" service to submit data and information for a comprehensive evaluation of the special access market.<sup>2</sup> In Section IV.B of the *Special Access FNPRM* accompanying that order, the Commission sought comment on possible changes to its rules for the special access services provided by incumbent local exchange carriers in price cap areas.<sup>3</sup> The Commission set the comment deadlines on this portion of the *Special Access FNPRM* several months ahead of its release date to give interested parties an opportunity to review the information collected before filing comments.<sup>4</sup>

The final deadline for responding to the data collection was February 27, 2015.<sup>5</sup> The Bureau is in the process of facilitating public access to the collected data consistent with the restrictions contained in

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<sup>1</sup> See *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 16318 (2012) (*Data Collection Order or Special Access FNPRM*); Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 13189 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); Order on Reconsideration, 29 FCC Rcd 10899 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014); Order, 29 FCC Rcd 14346 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014) (*Extension Order*).

<sup>2</sup> See *Data Collection Order*, 27 FCC Rcd at 16340, para. 52.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 16352-54, paras. 80-90.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 16359, para. 104.

<sup>5</sup> See *Extension Order*.

the protective order released on October 1, 2014, but has not yet made the data available.<sup>6</sup> Accordingly, there is insufficient time for the public to access and review this information before filing comments and reply comments under the current deadlines, April 6, 2015 and May 18, 2015, respectively.<sup>7</sup> The Bureau therefore extends the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments.<sup>8</sup> Comments are now due by July 1, 2015, and reply comments are due by July 22, 2015.

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<sup>6</sup> *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Order and Data Collection Protective Order, 29 FCC Rcd 11657 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014).

<sup>7</sup> *Comment Deadlines Extended in Special Access Proceeding*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 11015 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014).

<sup>8</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91(m), 1.415.